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- At 3 p.m. on 18 July 1953, 20 boxcars each occupied by about 30 KVPs who wore red-bordered epaulets and black collar patches or red-bordered epaulets and red collar patches and were equipped with submachine guns and gas masks, 3 boxcars carrying 15 x 82-mm mortars of 1941 type and 2 boxcars carrying baggage were unloaded in Weisswasser. The train had come from Dresden via Goerlitz. Mortars, baggage and part of the personnel were trucked toward Nochten.

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- Firing practice with rifles, submachine guns and heavy machine guns was conducted daily at the infantry training grounds near Nochten. Troops armed with submachine guns and rifles practiced at the firing ranges. Firing of tanks was heard in Nochten on 18 and 20 July.

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- At 9 p.m. on 20 July, a train consisting of 25 boxcars each occupied by about 30 KVPs and 1 kitchen car stopped at Weisswasser, coming from the direction of Cottbus. The troops were served their meals in Weisswasser. The train proceeded toward Goerlitz at about 11 p.m.¹

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Comment. This train which came either from the Halle-Leipzig area or the north area of East Germany probably proceeded toward Loebau-Zittau.

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